

**Draft Summary of the Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group Meeting
Oroville Facilities Relicensing (FERC Project No. 2100)
April 10, 2001**

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) hosted a meeting for the Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group on April 10, 2001 in Oroville.

A summary of the discussion, decisions made, and action items is provided below. This summary is not intended to be a transcript, analysis of the meeting, or to indicate agreement or disagreement with any of the items summarized, except where expressly stated. The intent is to present a summary of the discussion for information purposes for interested parties who could not attend the meeting.

Introduction

Attendees were welcomed to the Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group meeting and objectives were discussed. The meeting agenda and list of meeting attendees with their affiliations are appended to this summary as Attachments 1 and 2, respectively. Meeting flip chart notes are included as Attachment 3.

Action Items – March 13, 2001 Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group Meeting

A summary of the March 13, 2001 Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group is posted on the project web site. The Facilitator reviewed the status of action items from the March 13, 2001 meeting as follows:

Action Item #LU1:	Contact US Forest Service and US Bureau of Land Management to make sure they are engaged in the ALP and submit issues.
Status:	Both agencies have been contacted. Representatives from each will be attending meetings and will submit issues as required.
Action Item #LU2:	Provide DWR/DPR relationship document (Administrative Order #6) to the public information repository.
Status:	Administrative Order #6 has been secured by DWR, and will be on the project web site, and placed in the repository at the library by April 20, 2001.
Action Item #LU3:	Consulting team will prepare issues statements based on input received to date. Information will be distributed to the Work Group one-week prior to their next meeting for discussion, review and comment.
Status:	A discussion of draft issues statements is included in this meeting agenda.

The Facilitator described a proposal submitted by the State Water Contractors (SWC) to consider revising the Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group structure. The proposed new structure would include designated representatives from each of the other Work Groups. It would also include guidelines on how the Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group will interact with the other Work Groups and the Plenary Group. The State Water Contractors and DWR are discussing the proposal, which will then be brought to this group for review and discussion.

- Craig Jones added that SWC feels land use issues cross the boundaries of the other Work Groups and the integrated expertise needed to address these issues would require official representation from the other Work Groups. SWC sees the Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group being a super Task Force of the Plenary Group with a more formal structure. The group agreed to consider the proposal once it is more clearly defined at the next meeting.

Development of Issues and Scoping Statements

At the last Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group meeting, the consulting team was tasked with developing issue statements based on land use, land management and aesthetics issues and interests identified by all sources to date. The Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group received a copy of the draft issue statements including examples of the issues and interests used to develop the statement. The draft issues statements are appended to this summary as Attachment 4.

Steve Nachtman described the Issue Statements as an integral part of the scoping document (required by NEPA) that drive the process from the Work Groups' issues and interests to a plan, and ultimately to development of the settlement agreements. Issue statements begin the process of finding out what information is needed during the study phase of the relicensing effort.

- Steve introduced Tom Priestley of the Harza/EDAW consulting team. Tom developed the draft issue statements and will be working with the Land Use, Land Management, and Aesthetics Work Group in the future.
- One participant asked if the wording for each statement should be consistent between statements and between Work Groups, and whether this was important to FERC. Wayne Dyok responded that FERC wants issue statements that are clear and capture the public concerns. He added that the wording should be consistent, and include all the issues identified. Wayne mentioned that an annotated list of issue statements would be developed showing where each issue has been included in the statements for the next Work Group meeting.
- One participant wanted to discuss an apparent agency action taken against volunteers to stop some earthmoving activity at Riverbend Park, and suggested the work and agency action should be considered part of the relicensing process. Without adequate information, the Land Use, Land Management, and Aesthetics Work Group agreed that no discussion of this action could occur. However, the Facilitator pointed out that since no activity had been approved through the work groups or Plenary Group to date, the earthmoving activity and agency response is clearly outside of the Oroville Facilities Relicensing process. The Facilitator reminded participants that throughout the lengthy relicensing process (the next five years), participants likely would find themselves involved in actions with one another that fall within their individual or professional responsibilities but outside of the relicensing process. Andy Atkinson from the Department of Fish and Game agreed to find out what actions had been taken at Riverbend Park and provide information to the Work Group at their next meeting.

The Work Group discussed each issue statement and agreed to the following draft revisions:

LAND USE

- LU1: Evaluate the appropriate and compatible use of project lands especially for public use/access, open space, recreational uses and cultural values in a way that integrates and respects: 1) resource constraints; 2) adjacent land uses; and 3) applicable plans and policies for adjacent lands.
- LU2: Evaluate the potential for acquiring or removing lands to meet project goals for appropriate and compatible project goals (Note: consultants need to incorporate integration).

LAND MANAGEMENT

- LM1: Evaluate adequate funding and staffing to address land management needs for the Oroville Wildlife Area and Lake Oroville State Recreation Area.

- LM2: Evaluate existing and future fuel loads on state and federal lands, current fuel management practices, and coordination with fuel management on state and federal lands located within and adjacent to the project boundary.
- LM3: Appropriate arrangement for recreation management of LOSRA and adjacent lands.
- LM4: Appropriate law enforcement, security and fines.

AESTHETICS

- A1: Evaluate the positive and negative effects of reservoir drawdown on the visual quality at Lake Oroville and the rest of the Project area. (Note: USFS representative cautioned authors to be careful not to prejudice study outcome by pre-determining types of effects. May want to drop use of 'positive' and 'negative' and just use 'effect')
- A2: Evaluate the effect of construction debris, garbage, and invasive species on the appearance of the project area.
- A3: Evaluate appropriate landscaping, restoration, preservation, vegetation and facilities management/maintenance program for aesthetic enhancement.
- A4: Evaluate the effect of existing and future project features (including transmission lines, trails, etc) and land uses on the aesthetic quality of the Project area.

Next Meeting

The Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group agreed to meet on:

Date: Tuesday, May 15
Time: 6:00 to 10 PM
Location: To be determined

Agreements Made

1. The Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group agreed to consider a proposal to re-structure the Land Use, Land Management, and Aesthetics Work Group at their next meeting.
2. The Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group agreed to review revised issues statements developed by the consulting team at their next meeting.
3. The Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group agreed to meet again on May 15, 2001 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM (location to be determined).

Action Items

The following list of action items identified by the Land Use, Land Management and Aesthetics Work Group includes a description of the action, the participant responsible for the action, and item status.

Action Item #LU4: Andy Atkinson will investigate California Fish and Game action relative to Riverbend Park activity.

Responsible: DFG staff

Due Date: May 15, 2001

Action Item #LU5: Consultant Team will revise issue statements (including specific issue annotations) per comments and distribute to Work Group before next meeting.

Responsible: Consulting Team

Due Date: May 8, 2001